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NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



May 29, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF HANFORD SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Cpl. Victor H. Toledo Pulido, of Hanford, CA:

"This past Memorial Day we were all reminded that there is no higher calling than to fight for one's country in the battle for freedom. Maria and I, along with all Californians, mourn the loss of Corporal Victor Toledo Pulido and thank him for his bravery and love for his country. We will continue to pray for Victor's family and friends."

Toledo Pulido, 22, died May 23 as a result of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Nahrawan, Iraq. Toledo Pulido was assigned to 3d Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), Fort Benning, GA.

In honor of Cpl. Toledo Pulido, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



May 29, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF STOCKTON SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Mark R. C. Caguioa of Stockton, CA:

"The death of Specialist Mark Caguioa is a tragedy, but he leaves a legacy of honor for his family, friends and all Californians. Maria and I thank Mark for his dedication and love for his country. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family in this time of grief."

Caguioa, 21, died May 24 as a result of wounds suffered when the vehicle he was in struck an improvised explosive device in Baghdad, Iraq. Caguioa was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd

Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, TX.

In honor of Spc. Mark R. C. Caguioa, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



May 29, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CAMP PENDLETON MARINE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Nicholas R. Walsh of Millstadt, Ill:

"It is with great admiration that Maria and I offer our condolences to the family and friends of Sergeant Nicholas Walsh. As a member of our armed forces, he fulfilled a tremendous responsibility to our nation's citizens. Today we honor Nicholas who gave his life in the service of his country and freedom."

Walsh, 27, died May 26 as a result of wounds suffered while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. Walsh was assigned to the 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

In honor of Sgt. Walsh, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



May 30, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF C SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Staff Sgt. Thomas M. McFall, of Glendora, CA:

"Maria and I, along with all Californians, mourn the loss of Staff Sergeant Thomas McFall. His death is a reminder of the dangers inherent in protecting this country, and his service will not be forgotten. Our sincerest condolences go out to Thomas' family and friends."

McFall, 36, died May 28 as a result of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his position during a dismounted patrol in Baghdad, Iraq. McFall was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), Fort Lewis, WA.

In honor of Staff Sgt. McFall, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



May 30, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF MORENO VALLEY SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Clayton G. Dunn II, of Moreno Valley, CA:

"Sergeant Clayton Dunn's death is a loss to all Californians. Clayton risked his life in order to safeguard the lives of all Americans. Maria and I offer our deepest condolences to his family and friends."

Dunn, 22, died May 26 as a result of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Salah Ad Din province, Iraq. Dunn was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

In honor of Sgt. Dunn, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



May 30, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CAMP PENDLETON MARINE

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Lance Cpl. Emmanuel Villarreal, of Eagle Pass, TX:

"Lance Corporal Emmanuel Villarreal's loyalty to his country is deeply appreciated. His courage and brave commitment to civic duty has protected the lives of his fellow Americans. Maria and I, along with all Californians, send our thoughts and prayers to Emmanuel's family and friends."

Villarreal, 21, died May 27 from a non-hostile vehicle accident at Kuwait Naval Base, Kuwait. Villarreal was assigned to the Battalion Landing Team 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, CA.

In honor of Lance Cpl. Villarreal, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



May 30, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF SAN DIEGO SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Gregory N. Millard of San Diego, CA:

"Losing a member of our nation's armed forces weighs heavily on the hearts of all Californians. Specialist Gregory Millard's death is a sobering reminder of the human price we pay for our freedom. Maria and I honor Gregory, his family and friends, and offer our condolences for their loss."

Millard, 22, died May 26 as a result of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Salah Ad Din province, Iraq. Millard was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, NC.

In honor of Spc. Millard, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



May 30, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF CARSON SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. Daniel P. Cagle, of Carson, CA:

"Maria and I extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Private First Class Daniel Cagle. With pride and honor, Daniel risked his life to protect fellow citizens. Daniel's sacrifice for this country and our freedoms deserves our utmost respect and gratitude."

Cagle, 22, died May 23 as a result of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his unit in Balad, Iraq. Cagle was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, GA.

In honor of Pfc. Cagle, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



June 5, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF LOS ANGELES SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Romel Catalan, of Los Angeles, CA:

"Our nation has suffered a great loss with the death of Specialist Romel Catalan. Romel's bravery and devotion to his country and loved ones will be greatly missed but never forgotten. Together, with the community of Los Angeles, Maria and I mourn the loss of this courageous young man and will keep his family and friends in our prayers."

Catalan, 21, died June 2 as a result of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Ameriyah, Iraq. Catalan was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade Combat Team), United States Army, Fort Lewis, WA.

In honor of Spc. Catalan, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



June 5, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF MILPITAS SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Doonewey White, of Milpitas, CA:

"Maria and I, along with all Californians, are greatly saddened by the death of Specialist Doonewey White. He served our country with honor, and will be forever remembered for his service with admiration and respect. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his friends and family."

White, 26, died May 29 in Balad, Iraq, as a result of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations May 28 in Baghdad, Iraq. White was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, United States Army, Fort Hood, TX.

In honor of Spc. White, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



June 6, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF SANTA MARIA SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Sgt. Shawn E. Dressler, of Santa Maria, CA:

"Sergeant Shawn Dressler will be forever remembered for his brave and selfless service to his country. Shawn served with determination and bravery, making the ultimate sacrifice for freedom and democracy. Maria and I offer our thoughts and prayers to his family, friends and fellow soldiers."

Dressler, 22, died June 2 as a result of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations in Baghdad, Iraq. Dressler was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, United States Army, Schweinfurt, Germany.

In honor of Sgt. Dressler, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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